Administration Forces Win in First Test Vote on Currency Bill-Owen Plan Expected to be Passed by Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - Victory for the administration forces in the first test of strength on the currency reform bill marked Monday's session

The vote, 40 to 35, tabled a substitute offered by Sen. Hitchcock for section two of the administration bill, proposing a system of four regional banks, with a possible increase to eight, the regional bank stock to be owned by the public.

The defeat of this amendment practically insured the adoption of the Owen plan, which provides for from eight to 12 regional banks, with the stock owned by the national banks that become members of the respective regional banks. The democratic leaders claimed that the result of the test vote, involving one of the most important features of the fight, indicated the complete success of the administration measure.

Efforts to get an agreement for a time to begin final voting on the bill were not successful Monday; but leaders on both sides of the chamber looked forward to an early termination of the debate and for final action before the end of the week.

When the Hitchcock substitute had been tabled Sen. Reed made a speech vigorously defending the Owen bill and replying to Sen. Root, who, on Saturday attacked the measure and called Secy. Bryan "the dominating influence" behind the proposed new currency system.

Replying directly to Sen. Root's inancial panic might ensue if the currency bill were passed in its present form, Sen. Reed declared no inflation of the currency could occur unless the "sound money men who run the banks" brought it about.

"This is a workable bill," he de-"It is not surcharged with destruction to business. If added checks ought to be put in, I for one am willing to put them in. But the senator from New York spent his time telling of the dire things that would happen to business, and spent but little time explaining his own proposed amendments."

### WEEKLY BIBLE CLASSES WILL BE Y. M. FEATURE

Seven Classes Are Organized and Will Meet in Boys' Building Every Friday Night.

Beginalag Friday night, junior Bible classes will be a weekly feature of the work connected with the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. There will be seven classes and teachers for six of them have already been secured. They are Harry Kingsley Elmer Burnham, J. C. Brug, Elmer Cottrell, Russell Jontz and Russel

Character of Jesus" the course to be studied will last

members of the high school have orin the boys' department. Members of the high school as well as nonmembers have the privilege of jointalks by the prominent business men of the city. The topic will be ex-

DISMISSES CHARGES. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16 .-- Common Pleas Judge Cushing at the request of Atty. Pogue Monday nolle three indictments against George B. Cox and eight other defendants found in the case growing out of affairs of the Cincinnati Trust Co.

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RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 16 .- Rich- fore the program, it was decided to mond will have a municipal Christ- donate \$25 to the Children's dispenganized into Bible classes and will mas tree on Christmas night and have sessions every Wednesday night Mayor W. W. Zimmerman is sched- attendance of the lodge, 100 members uled to play the part of Santa Claus, being present. The program consist-A motion for a municipal celebration ed of recitations by Henry Smith and George Cohane and selections on the ing this class which will have as its of Christmas was passed by the board plane by E. J. Huber. These affairs ined Free, and lenses changed after holffeature at every meeting, ten minute of public works and was approved by will be a monthly feature of the or- days the city council at its meeting Monplanations of why each chose the day night. Committees were also approfession that he happens to follow, pointed to have charge of the various be the most elaborate the lodge has Optometrists and Manufacturing Opticians, arrangements for the celebration.

## Perfect biscuit RESULT OF LONG HELD-IN REVOLT

Movement Like a Tidal Wave Sweeping the Country Says Anti-Saloon Speaker.

"The present strength of the pro-States is not new," said Dr. Madison Swadener at the meeting held at the First Christian church Monday night appointed to fix the nominations of the nine men that will serve as an executive committee of the St. Joseph County Anti-Saloon league.

"The movement that is now sweep- the Commonwealth-Edison Co. ing the country like a tidal wave, taking before it the liquor traffic, graft, white slavery, and all the other corruption that is riding a nation to its death, is but the result of a long held-in feeling of revolt that has been in the breasts of our people for

The following nine names were nominated for positions on the executive committee by the committee that had the matter in charge: Atty. Dan Pyle, chairman, J. B. Campbell, Warren Johnson, Rev. H. B. Hostetter, Eli Seebirt, Rev. C. A. Decker, C. P. Ducomb, Dr. S. W. Baer, C. A. Carlisle, Charles Weidler, J. R. Woodward, D. E. Day, J. A. Scott, Thomson Turner, Robert E. Geyer and Frank

### William Clem, C. A. Carlisle and J. B. DELEGATES ARE APPOINTED

nominations was composed of Rev.

County Sunday Schools to be Represented at New Carlisle.

The St. Joseph County Sunday CITY WILL BE EMPLOYER of the Y. M. C. A. Monday night and appointed its delegates to the Olive | Portland Has Plan to Care For Me New Carlisle the first Sunday in January. The delegates appointed are D. E. Day and G. A. Studley of Mishawaka and Miss Alice Granger

Albert Leisure, president of the association, handed in his resignation at the meeting Monday night. At the next meeting, Jan. 18, a new president will be elected.

## AGREE ON PEACE TREATY

Netherlands is First European Country to Accept Offer.

Bryan and Chevaller Van Rappard, Monday at his residence in North the Netherlands minister, Monday agreed upon the terms of a peace treaty embodying the principles of the arbitration plan announced early in the present administration. This will be the seventh of the peace treaties and the first negotiated with a European nation.

## BABES' DISPENSARY

Knights of Columbus Remember Infants at Dinner and Smoker.

cdre at the American hall Monday light. At a business session held be

The dinner was enjoyed by a full

in the week after Christmas, and will

### WOULD STOP BOND ISSUE Chicago Men Alleges Interlocking of

Directorates,

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 .- An attack on an alleged interlocking directorate of two of Chicago's largest public utility corporations - the Commonwealth-Edison Co. and the People's Gas, Light Coke Co .- was made Monday by James J. McCarthy, a minority stockholder in the gas company.

McCarthy applied for an injunction to restrain the directors of the gas company from issuing any stock or bonds and restraining Samuel Insull. to hear the report of the committee John J. Mitchell and James A. Patten, all of whom are directors of both companies, from acting as officers or directors of the gas company, giving as his reason their connection with

### **VOLCANOES ACTIVE IN** AUSTRALIAN ISLANDS

Six New Craters Formed on Coast of Ambriam Island in the New Hebrides Group.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 16. -Dispatches from Noumea, capital of the French colony of New Caledonia, reporting that great destruction has been done by a volcanic erution in Ambriam island of the new Hebrides group. Six new craters were formed on the west coast Dec. 6. The follow-The committee that presented the ing day Mount Minnie collapsed and many villages were overwhelmed by A. C. Ormond, Rev. G. W. Hemry, streams of molten lava. The majority of the inhabitants sought refuge in canoes and boats and a steamer rescued five hundred of them,

No casualties are reported among the white population, whose numbers are small, but it is feared that many natives in the interior perished. Ambrim island is about 50 miles in circumference and is somewhat sparcely settled.

city commission decided Monday to give work to Portland's unemployed after a consultation with a committee from the Central Labor council, Men with families will be given preference and will be given three full days' work a week while single men will get two days' work a week. From 500 to 1,000 men will be em-

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 16 .- Col. James H. Walbridge, a California pioneer, who operated the first power printing press in San Francisco, died

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